

44 Sixth Street - Monday Morning

My dear Gray -
Your valued letter reached me on Saturday
aft., & I find it necessary to inflict the threatened 5-penny
upon you, at once - Most surely, that dear little wife of
yours has turned raver brain! There can be no doubt of it -
You wrote me that Sullivan missed his bond. Jour. Prot.
for April, in proof of which you send me an excerpt from
his letter to row in which he states in large emphatic
letters that it is the month of June!! which he misses,
& which had not ~~not~~ reached America when I left
Cambridge, & took with me the only numbers I ever
borrowed of row, to wit, (as I find by my Miss. Extracts
from them) Nos. 62 - 64 & 65. being, as I think row
will find for the months of Febry. April & May respectively.
So far as my memory serves, No. 62 was row's own copy,
& Nos. 64 & 65 - Sullivan's - returned to him in one wrapper,
& neither of which does he appear to miss! Now, therefore,
you will please to tell Mr. Sullivan - since he has
got hold of my name in connection with his loss, that
tho' I sympathize with him, amazingly - in his annoy-
ance; yet, up to this hour, I have never to my know-
ledge even seen a single number of the Land Jour. Prot.
& that somebody - no matter who - having recently be-
come a double-man, is of course - a man beside himself.
If row do not become more steady, very shortly, why -
I shall give you up - & address my future correspond. to "the Misses".

I am extremely gratified that you like the Article & especially so, also, that Dear Lady Jane found it readable - Whenever I have thought on the subject, since I despatched it to you, I have been well satisfied that I unintentionally gave up my original design - Had I proposed the Book to have given a good history of N. Am. Botan. Bibliography, it would necessarily have been of limited interest, except to Botanists, & in contrasting your works with former ones, the Botanical merit must have been the turning point - whereas, I have now taken a much higher stand; & have mooted questions of real importance, & therefore of general interest - whilst, incidentally, the value of your publications, in this connection, is vastly enhanced - I feel assured that it is in all respects better, as it is - & allow myself to hope that some little good may result - I thank you, very kindly, for your intention as to the Spading plants - I wish you wd. find time to throw in labels for the Scroph. & Polemon. which you have lately studied, & for the few Supines & Astragal. - Engelmann has written me, since my last, that he has himself sent off the seeds of Cacti, by an independ. opp. - so I am to ship the pamphlets alone - which I am about to do, accordingly - when you send any packages to me (for the present at least) it will be as well to direct them to 6th Street, as the Express will deliver them without extra charge - And as to letters, tho' it makes no difference in the latter respect, yet I should get them rather sooner

in the way - as C. H. now send them up by the two penny City Express - which brings them to my hand from 2 to 3 days - Apr. too late to answer by return mail - if need were. Amongst the Texas plants of Wright I think also of Lindheimer - is a Carex with variegata (olive & white) striate perig. It is probable that you will find it under the name of C. alveata - Boott, for which I took it when at Cambridge - But altering my mind, on my return home - I sent my only spec. to Boott, who says it is not his plant - but suspects it is C. planostachys, Kze. of which an authentic (Mexican) specimen exists in Herb. Turck. which he begs (& I hereby also beg) you to examine, & satisfy us as to the fact - more by token that it is part of your business, in working up the Texan things of Lindh. & Wright - I told Boott that altho' I would do his behest, & felt a personal interest in the matter - yet - I doubted whether you would give up peering into gentle eyes, to examine - as we require the perig. of a Carex! Now we shall see - If I send the plants of Turck. through you - that will be a good opportunity to borrow the specimen from "your friend" - I should have sent the package instantly, by Express, but I thought it might please Boott better if I could send them to him free of charge - For himself - I had no such consideration - I am going down town, & will put a P.S. to my letter as to what I conclude, in the matter - Kind love to Lady Jane, & her, from me, to tie - or sew - your head just on your shoulders, for the present - Always affly, Yrs. Geo. But regards to Mr. Loring - & the family - never forgetting "his" -

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(written into envelope) -
 I have heard nothing from Jerry lately -
 you owe me a long letter or two, the one takes
 but no letter you will ever publish in *Journal*
 is another matter -

I find young Gray has an opportunity for Boston
 this morning. He concludes to have you for the 5-cents
 (known letter) may reserve such considerations for the
 sake of democracy - The English says something the
 fact - "A western knife is a crown to her husband"
 into "The Shiloh" - but in the present instance it

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